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REMARKS

Applicant asks for reconsideration of the rejection in the prior office action. The examiner rejects the claims over the U.S. Patent 3,430,994 to Keeler. Keeler is an insulated handle for a type of switch that can become hot. As an example, a burner valve is specifically disclosed. The Keeler device acts as insulation for this switch.

Applicant's claims are all directed to a dimmer switch as is commonly utilized for electric lights. Dimmer switches do not become hot. Keeler's device would have no use in a dimmer switch. Further, Keeler does not meet the claims in that the claims all require a dimmer switch knob. As an example, claim 1 requires a dimmer switch knob. Independent claim 10 requires a universal dimmer switch knob kit. The kit includes a dimmer switch knob having a particular appearance and a plurality of intermediate members. Keeler does not disclose a plurality of intermediate members, does not disclose a dimmer switch knob, and would have no benefit or purpose in a dimmer switch.

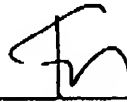
Similarly, claim 19 requires these limitations and would not be met by Keeler. Since the independent claims cannot be met by Keeler, the other claims are also allowable. An indication of allowability of all claims is in order and requested.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for

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any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. All claims are believed allowable.
An indication of such is solicited.

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